

First Baptist Church of Central Square

November 2020

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Birthdays:

Cindy Cuny 14
Ken Myers 14
Merrill House 24
Kristen Desrosiers 24
David Shanahan 24
Chris Ayre 27

Anniversaries:

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
fbccsny@gmail.com

Tithes

Please have offering ready when you come into church or mail to
Attn: Cherie House
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Covid Update

We are OPEN! Come join us on Sunday mornings while following all safety guidelines. For those who are choosing to stay home still, Follow the link below to the sermons!
<http://www.fbc-cs.com/media.htm>

Trustee Updates

No updates.

Diaconate Updates

No Updates.

Christian Education Updates

No Updates

AB Women

We are hoping to be able to meet in person for our Women's World Day of Prayer in November, but may have to resort to a Virtual or Hybrid devotion. We will update as the time grows closer!

AB Women

TWO TUESDAY'S BIBLE STUDY:

Beginning September 15th at 7:30pm join us in our FB Room for our new Virtual Bible Study! Two Tuesday's will meet bi-weekly, our first study is "Running on Empty." Participants are welcome to order their own study, or wait for the material to be uploaded and sent



2020 Missions

The mission committee met and we would appreciate your donations for items for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

Don't forget that our outhouse needs toilet paper. Single wrapped rolls or four roll packages. We are also starting to collect hat's, mittens and gloves for the cold winter months ahead. Please leave it on the parsonage porch or bring to church on Sunday.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we will not be able to due White Gift this year.

in advance via email. Check out the Facebook page for more info!

World Mission Offering

We will be collecting for the World Mission Offering until November 15, 2020.

Important Dates

April 23rd - April 25th
AB Woman and AB Girls Conference

First Baptist Church Family would like to express condolences to the following families:

Lynn Bort and Family on the passing of Malcom Brownell
The Mitchell Family on the passing of Beverly Mitchell
The Family of Andy Bettinger
The Family of Benjamin Springer

Heath Kits

The Homeless Women in the Oswego County Shelters need supplies. Some suggested supplies

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Bar Soap
- Feminine Products

Please place items in a ziplock plastic bag.

From the Pastor

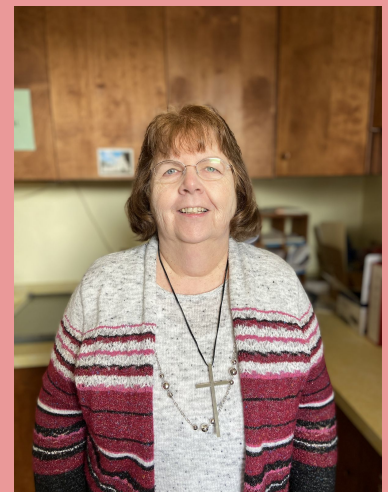
Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

November is often thought of as a month for gratitude. But following Paul's advice is hard. There are times when it feels impossible. How can we be joyful when our hearts are breaking? Surely, with all he went through, Paul must have experienced heartache. How can he tell us to be joyful always? Although there is nothing more important than communing with God, there are some life duties I have to attend too. You know, like taking care of family, cleaning house, grocery shopping and preparing meals. Most of us don't have the luxury of spending the day in God's presence. And what about giving thanks in all circumstances? Things happen, and we aren't always in the mood to be thankful. So



From the Pastor



what is Paul trying to tell us?

Let's change that word "continually" to "often" and we get a better picture of the meaning of this verse. Joy is an emotion. Jesus gave us the gift of his peace and because of it we can have joy often. We can have a moment of prayer at any time and often; in the car, in the store, whenever we feel the need to touch base with the Holy. Expressing our joy to God and others is a prayer. Recognizing and giving thanks to God for little things as well as the big things is a prayer. We do things all the time that give us the opportunity to express our relationship with God in thankfulness.

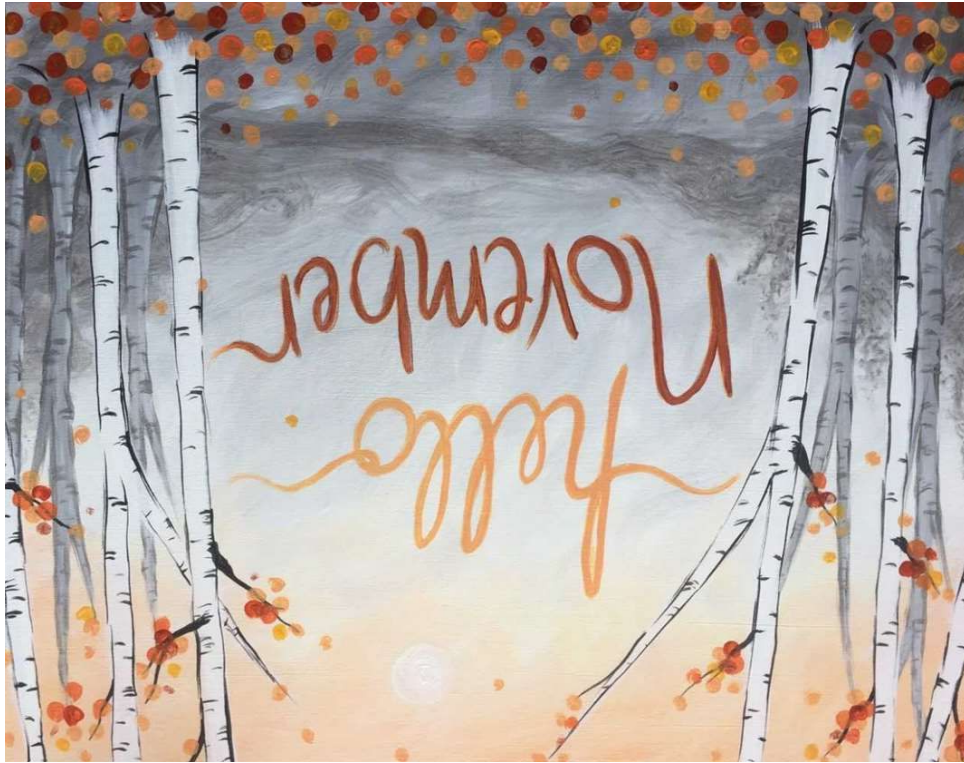
These last few months have been difficult to say the least. It seems we have reached a climax this month with loss of two of our young people, and one may wonder how can I ever be joyful again. As long as you recognize the joy you have in your relationship with Christ, you are doing fine. You are in His presence.

Everyone is not able to have a Happy Thanksgiving or a Merry Christmas. Remember them during this holiday season. Share Jesus with them and you'll feel better too.

Have a blessed month,

Pastor Lilly

We have received the 2019 - 2020 Annual Report from the Iroquois Association. Anyone who would like to review it please see Pastor Lilly.



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